



# ***OVERVIEW OF THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION***

A large, stylized graphic of the American flag, featuring the stars and stripes in a wavy pattern, set against a light blue background.

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General Registrar  
Norfolk Office of Elections***

# *Presidential Elections*

**Success requires:**

**Community Effort:**

**Local Government Officials**

**City Employees**

**Citizens Serving as Officers of Election**

**Comprehensive Plan:**

**Operational**

**Emergency and Contingency**

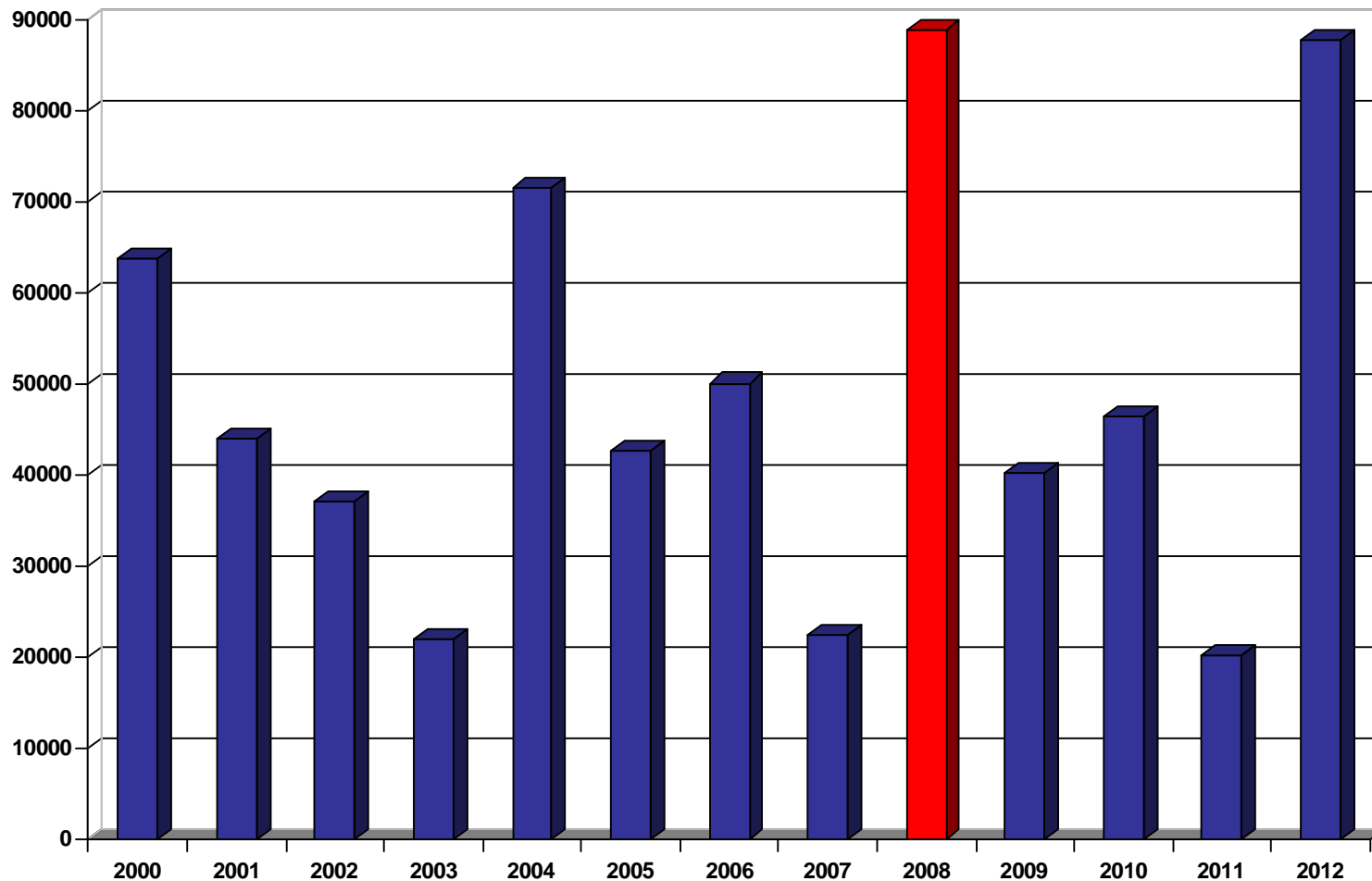
# ***Thank You!***

- **City Council**
- **City Manager - Marcus Jones**
- **Project Director - Stanley Stein**
- **Project Coordinator - Jim Redick**

## **Support Services provided by:**

- **EOC**
- **Norfolk Police**
- **Norfolk Fire and Rescue**
- **Norfolk Public Schools**
- **Norfolk City Treasurer's Office**
- **Information Technology**
- **Communications**
- **Web Master**
- **Human Resources**
- **Circuit Court**
- **Facilities**
- **Libraries**
- **Recreation, Parks and Open Spaces**
- **Public Works**
- **Utilities**

# *2008 - The New Election Benchmark*



# Challenge: To Encourage Voter Registration and Participation

<p>★ <b>IS VOTING A RIGHT... OR IS IT A RESPONSIBILITY?</b></p> <p>Voting is a right; however, there are certain responsibilities that come with that right. One of those responsibilities is to ensure that you are correctly registered in the state and locality where you are a resident. Determining residence is often confusing for college students. Residence is usually the place we call home. Establishing or changing residence should be an informed decision that is given careful consideration.</p> <p>★ <b>WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR VOTER REGISTRATION IN VIRGINIA?</b></p> <p>To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia, a person must meet <u>all</u> of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a U.S. Citizen.</li> <li>• Be 18 years old. Any person who is 17 years old and will be 18 years of age by the next General Election will be permitted to register in advance.</li> <li>• Be a resident of Virginia. A person who is in Virginia temporarily with no intent to remain, lacks the intent required for residence.</li> <li>• Is not claiming residence in another state.</li> <li>• Is not currently declared incapacitated by a court of law.</li> <li>• If convicted of a felony, voting rights have been restored.</li> </ul>	<p><b>REGISTER</b></p> <p> <b>OTE</b></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>GET INVOLVED</b></p> <p><b>DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!</b></p> <p></p> <p>Information for NSU Students</p>	<p>★ <b>IS A COLLEGE STUDENT CONSIDERED A RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY ATTEND COLLEGE?</b></p> <p>In order to establish "residence" in Virginia, a voter must have a <u>physical location where they intend to stay for an unlimited time.</u></p> <p>A college student should register where attending school only if the student considers that locality as his/her primary home and residence. College students who still consider themselves residents of their home city, county, or state should register to vote there. These students should contact the Voter Registrar for their locality or use the link below.</p> <p>✓Contact Your Home State for Information <a href="http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/contact_your_state.asp">http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/contact_your_state.asp</a></p> <p>★ <b>WHAT IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR RESIDENCE?</b></p> <p>Although legal residence may be changed, an individual may have only <u>one</u> residence and may be a registered voter in only <u>one</u> locality at a time.</p> <p>★ <b>WHERE CAN YOU GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON VOTING IN VIRGINIA?</b></p> <p>"The Virginia Easy Voter Guide" is available on the State Board of Elections website, at <a href="http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/EasyVoterGuide.pdf">http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/EasyVoterGuide.pdf</a></p>
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## “Be Election Ready”

- A community outreach program designed to ensure voters were informed and ready for November 6<sup>th</sup>.

# *Challenge: To Improve the In-person Absentee Voting Process*



## Absentee Voting



**8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

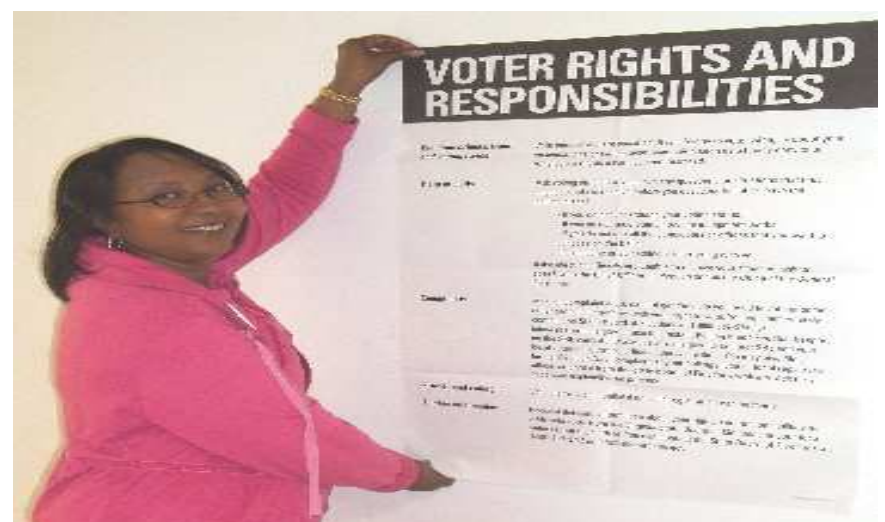
## 2012 Absentee Precinct

- New precinct located on the 1st Floor City Hall in the Treasurer's Annex
- Voting on Electronic "TouchScreen" Voting Equipment



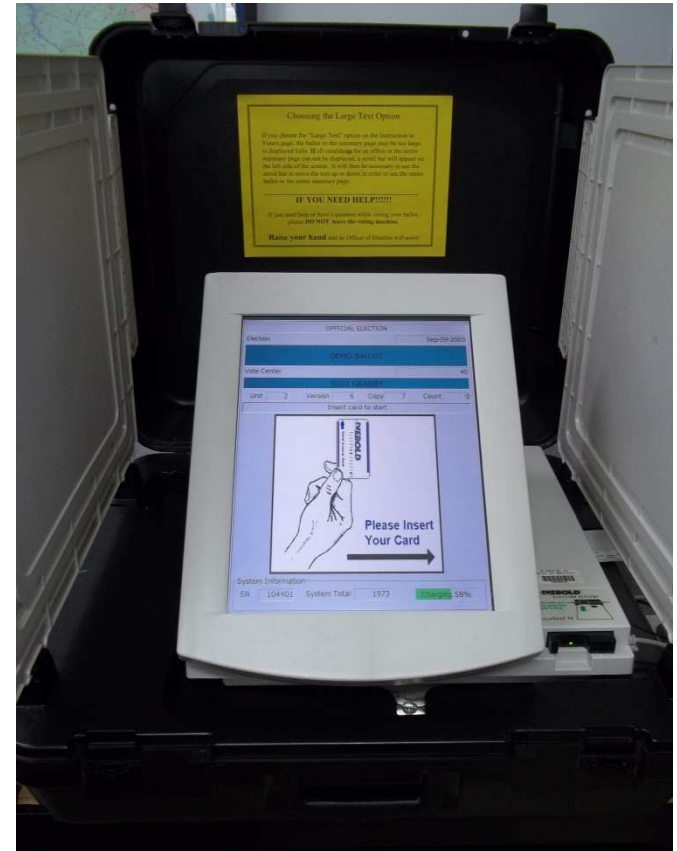


# *Challenge: To Recruit, Train and Retain 600 Election Officers*



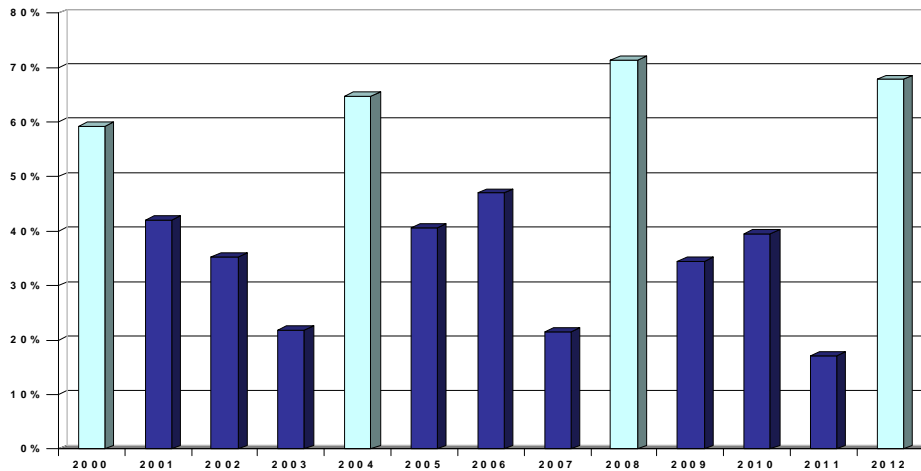
# *Challenge: To Ensure Voting Equipment Inventory is 100% Operational*

- **Voting Machine Inventory**
  - 325 TouchScreen Voting Units
- **On Election Day all units were:**
  - In Excellent Operating Condition
  - Thoroughly Tested
  - Equally allocated to precincts based on the number of registered voters in the precinct.





# *Challenge: To Develop Strategies to Manage Increased Voter Turn-out*



## **Strategies for 2012:**

- **Educate voters on the importance of being “Election Ready.”**
- **Use Electronic Pollbooks and Barcode Scanners to quickly qualify voters.**
- **Provide additional specialized on-line training for Pollbook Officers to facilitate the check-in process.**



# Challenge: To Report and Certify Accurate Election Results

## Unofficial Results:

- Obtained after the last person in line at 7:00 p.m. has voted
- Reported to the Circuit Court staff
- Posted on State Board of Elections website and the City's website

## Official Results:

- Obtained in a Canvass meeting, held in Circuit Court beginning the day after the election and continuing until all results are carefully reviewed and verified and the ABSTRACT document has been certified by the Electoral Board

**ABSTRACT OF VOTES**  
cast in the City/County of Norfolk, Virginia,  
at the November 6, 2012 General Election, for:

**ELECTORS FOR  
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

THE TABULATION FOR EACH ELECTOR ENTERED IN THIS ELECTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Republican Party for Electors for Mitt Romney, President and Paul Ryan, Vice President			
Shelia S. Hall	Roger R. Schwelker	Georgie Curton Craft	Juanita Ballester
David Collins	James M. Weirich	Reggie J. Ertter	Gary Clarence Baker
William Wesley Thomas	Thomas Vincent Van Aken	Muri E. Sell	Cofar G. C. Pridmore
Wayne J. Dennis, Jr.			
Total Votes Received			73,147 (in % of total)

Democratic Party for Electors for Barack Obama, President and Joe Biden, Vice President			
Judy L. Mattinger	Christopher M. Daniel, Jr.	Edna M. Frye	Jamarc N. Hopkinson
Samuel W. Bryant	Gary W. Crawford	Maury J. B. Taylor	Terry Carroll Frye
Betty L. Squire	Ben Ragocic, Jr.	Ervin C. Macbeth	Ar'lin A. White
Marion-Johnston Roadwell			
Total Votes Received			67,687 (in % of total)

Constitution Party for Electors for Virgil Goode, President and Jim Clymer, Vice President			
Fulton J. Wood, Jr.	Cyde Holman Pearce II	Glenn Gail Hawser	Dianna J. Sims
Francis David Mason, Jr.	Adrian David Lyles	Charles Edward Williams, Jr.	Donald L. Turner
Jefferson Douglas Rice	Kathryn Musselman-Watts	Michael A. R. Turner	James Robert Brumfield
Charles George Coburn			
Total Votes Received			159 (in % of total)

Libertarian Party for Electors for Gary Johnson, President and James P. Gray, Vice President			
Sharon L. Engel	Ann W. Sims	Laura R. Delhomme	Vanessa John Chalko
John H. Finner	John Mark McLean	Elizabeth Marshall Mink	James W. Lusk II
Oliver H. McBurn	J. Todd Mortimer	William B. Riddick	William N. Reed II
Donna L. Chance			
Total Votes Received			658 (in % of total)

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Green Party for Electors for Jill Stein, President and Cheri Honkala, Vice President			
Christopher S. Hall	John L. C. Hall	Bill McKeown	Paul D. Higgins
John H. Finner	Daniel A. Melrose	Clifford Darryl Anderson	Anthony R. Cleveland
Charles L. Hill	Carlisle E. Fennell	Mark Thomas Randall Taylor	James R. Cunningham
Total Votes Received			184 (in % of total)

Total Write-in Votes (if not written on certification) 217  
(in % of total)

Total Number Of Overvotes For Office 0  
(in % of total)

We, the undersigned Electoral Board, upon examination of the official records deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of this election held on November 6, 2012, do hereby certify that this above is a true and correct Abstract of Votes cast at said election for Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

Given under our hands this 11th day of November, 2012.

A copy test:

James H. Henderson, Chairman  
Daniel H. Finner, Vice Chairman  
Wendell D. Brown, Secretary  
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# *Looking forward...*

- In the 21st century, Presidential Elections will continue to evolve and change with each new state and federal law and they will continue to require paradigm shifts in our thinking.
- There is one constant in the complicated formula for success...A community effort is the key to meeting the ever-changing challenges.